

Changed Wycombe gain welcome point at home

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE WAN 2 : WOKING 2

WITH a drastically reshuffled side after a surprise decision to drop the right wing pair, Worley and Rockell, Wycombe Wanderers had the better of first half exchanges against Woking in an Isthmian League game at High Wycombe and deserved to be ahead at half-time.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Bartholomew, Beck; Thomas, Fisher, Weaveh; Hyde, Trott, Bates, James, Tomlin.

Woking: Burley; Cashmore, Parsons; Hearmon, Jones, Halder; Moody, Collins, Mortimore, Hebdon, Harris.

Referee: B Copp (Romford).

Steve Hyde, Wycombe's 16-year-old newcomer, was soon in action as the Wanderers took the early initiative, and Burley had to run out of his goal to save an accurate centre by the young right-winger.

Bates got through on his own, but shot weakly at the goalkeeper.

Wycombe was still more active in attack, but Burley's bold advance from his goal checked several promising raids.

ELECTRIFYING

Another electrifying long-range shot by Hyde almost found the mark, and after 20 minutes a beautifully placed centre by the right winger enabled BATES to score for Wycombe with a well-placed header.

As Wycombe continued to harass the wilting defence, Trott almost beat Burley with a powerful long drive.

Burnley ran out to intercept James in another menacing raid and then stopped a crushing shot by Tomlin.

JAMES added a second for Wycombe in the 37th minute, again after good work by Hyde on the right wing.

Two minutes later, left winger HARRIS dribbled through almost from the half-way line to score for Woking.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 2, Woking 1.

With the Wycombe forwards

active again early in the second half, Trott missed a great chance from a centre by Tomlin.

But Woking gradually claimed more of the play and Bartholomew almost ran a shot by Mortimore into his own goal. He retrieved the ball just in time.

Again Wycombe hit back and a shot by James flashed only inches wide with the goalkeeper at full length.

Mortimore always seemed to be a source of danger to the Wanderers and soon after he had moved on to the right wing, with Moody at centre forward, he put across a fine centre which enabled HARRIS to catch the home defence at fault and equalise with another smart header.

PLUCKY

A little later Brown pluckily threw himself at Harris's feet to save a dangerous situation for Wycombe.

With Wycombe's forward moves now lacking the speed of their early exchanges, Woking had more of the play and another header by Harris, who had moved inside, skimmed the crossbar.

Wycombe seemed unable to sustain their advances and when they did get through, the energetic Burley proved much too smart for them in goal.

RESULT:

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WOKING 2

STEVE SHINES FOR WYCOMBE

Wycombe 2 Woking 2

A FORWARD-LINE switch in the second half enabled Woking to take an Isthmian League point from Wycombe Wanderers after the home side had dominated the first half.

The Wanderers themselves had made drastic surprise changes, leaving out their right wing pair Worley and Rockell in a bid to check a recent slump. And at first they overshadowed the unimpressive Woking side.

Their 16-year-old newcomer, Steve Hyde, had a share in two smart goals, providing the pass from which Bates scored the first, and, with Bates, helping James to add a second before the Woking left winger George Harris made it 2-1 at half-time.

Wycombe failed to maintain their form in a stalemate second half and with Woking more aggressive, after Mortimore their ranging leader had moved to the right wing, the one danger man of the visitors' attack, Harris, hit a well-deserved equaliser from a Mortimore centre.